

retrieving control information that is used to execute a program;
defining destination address information indicating a location different from a current location where the program is stored;
moving the program in accordance with the destination address information; and changing the control information based on the destination address information.

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed on December 12, 2001, claims 1-27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Stupek, Jr. et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,586,304) ("Stupek"). The foregoing rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 1-27 are pending in the subject application, of which claims 1, 10, and 19 are independent. Claims 2-9, 11-18, and 20-27 depend, either directly or indirectly, from one of claims 1, 10, or 19.

The Specification and claims 1, 10, and 19 have been amended. Care has been exercised to avoid the introduction of new matter. A Version With Markings to Show Changes Made to the Specification and claims is included herewith.

Foreign Priority:

It is noted that the Examiner has not acknowledged receipt of the Applicant's claim for foreign priority and certified copy of the foreign priority document under 35 U.S.C. § 119, both of which were submitted on January 20, 2000. The Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner acknowledge the same.

Amendment to the Specification:

The Specification has been amended to correct a typographical error. No new matter has been added thereby.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b):

Stupek discloses a method for upgrading a computer resource from an existing version to a later version (Stupek, Abstract). The newer version of the resource (a different program) is stored in the same location as the older version, replacing the older version at the location on the computer.

In contrast, each of claims 1, 10, and 19 of the present application (as amended and added herein) recite “defining destination address information indicating a location *different from a current location where [a] program is stored ... [and] moving* the program in accordance with the destination address information.” (emphasis added)

In the present invention, *one application* is moved to a *different* location, whereas in Stupek, *one application is replaced with another*, newer application at the *same* location. Specifically, in the present invention, an installed application is copied from a current location to another directory or recording medium, and at the same time, the application is deleted from the current directory. MPEP § 2131 states that “[a] claim is anticipated only if *each and every element* as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference. The *identical* invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the ... claim.” (emphasis added) Clearly, Stupek does not disclose or suggest moving a program to a different location, and the present invention does not involve replacing one program with another program at the same location. Therefore, claims 1, 10, and 19 of the present application are patentably distinguishable over Stupek.

In addition to being allowable based on their dependency from one of allowable claims 1, 10, or 19, claims 2-9, 11-18, and 20-27 recite patentably distinguishing features of their own. For example, claims 2, 11, and 20 recite “replacing the current address information with the destination address information to which the program is moved.”

Stupek does not disclose or suggest replacing a current location with a location to which the program is to be moved. As stated previously, Stupek only discloses upgrading an older version of a resource to a newer version of the resource, and storing the newer version in the same location as the older version. Therefore, claims 2-9, 11-18, and 20-27 are patentably distinguishable over Stupek.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters. If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please AMEND the first paragraph on page 18 of the Specification as follows:

--As mentioned above, all of the installed applications, the installed additional functions, and created data are copied to the destination indicated by the user as if it is so that the user does not need to reinstall the same additional functions and does not set again optional settings of the application to fit the user's requirements such as a font size, lines per page, and the like. In addition, a [use] user is only required to indicate a destination so that the user does not have to uninstall the application from the current directory, install the application in a new directory, and restart the OS several times. Therefore the present invention can reduce time consumption and perform effectively to move an application.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND the following claims:

1. (ONCE AMENDED) An information processor comprising:

a control information retrieving part retrieving control information that is used to execute a program;

a destination defining part defining destination address information indicating a location different from a current location where the program is stored;

a moving part moving the program in accordance with the destination address information; and

a control information changing part changing the control information based on the destination address information.

10. (ONCE AMENDED) A method for processing information comprising [the steps of]:

[(a)] retrieving control information that is used to execute a program;

[(b)] defining destination address information indicating a location different from a current location where the program is stored;

[(c)] moving the program in accordance with the destination address information; and

[(d)] changing the control information based on the destination address information.

19. (ONCE AMENDED) A computer readable recording medium recorded with a program code for causing a computer to process information, said program code comprising the codes for:

[(a)] retrieving control information that is used to execute a program;

[(b)] defining destination address information indicating a location different from a current location where the program is stored;

[(c)] moving the program in accordance with the destination address information; and

[(d)] changing the control information based on the destination address information.